

Amendment to the Specification

Paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4:

In one embodiment of this invention, as shown in Fig. 1, a headlamp 101 is normally positioned in an opening 103 in the vehicle body 105. A frame 107, which can be of a simple rectilinear geometry, is provided and is secured to the body of the vehicle out of the way of any electrical connections. The frame includes parallel arms 109 that can be fastened to the aforementioned bores in a conventional headlamp. On each arm, between the headlamp and the rear of the frame, is a coil spring 111 disposed around the arm and spanning from a stop near the rear of the frame to the headlamp. When the headlamp is impacted, it slides along the arms and is cushioned by the springs. One or more backplates 113 may be provided so that the headlamp is secured to and rests thereon, the backplate(s) engaging the springs. Of course, some impacts will be too quick or too forceful for the headlamp to be cushioned by the frame, but many low speed impacts will be cushioned. In normal operation, the springs are selected or adjusted so that the headlamp is maintained in its forward position and does not move or shake during normal driving conditions (or whatever such conditions are for a particular driving, depending on the terrain, potholes, etc.).